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Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed will follow.

A certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-280825 filed September 30, 1999 from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 will follow.

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Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

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A TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	23	-20	3	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	54	
B INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	2	-3	0	LG=\$80 SM=\$40	\$78	0	
C SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)						54	
D MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE				LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$270 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$135			\$ 0
E BASIC FEE				LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$710 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$355			\$ 690
F TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)						\$ 744	
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